



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, throughout our history, Americans held prisoners of war and those still listed as missing in action have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling their duty as citizens of the United States, they have defended American ideals while suffering unimaginable indignities under the absolute control of the enemy; and

WHEREAS, all Americans should recognize the special debt we owe our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom so that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty; and

WHEREAS, we must remember the unresolved casualties of war – our servicemen who are still missing; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,905 MIAs, with 10 being from Idaho, still missing from the war in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, the pain and bitterness of war endure for their families, relatives, friends, and for us, and our State and Nation will not rest in our efforts to seek answers to the many questions that remain about their fate; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to search for unaccounted American servicemen comes with a terrible price, which compels all Americans to the seven U.S. servicemen, along with nine Vietnamese officials, who perished in a helicopter crash in April 2001, while searching for their missing comrades;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2002 to be

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

in Idaho, and urge all citizens in the State of Idaho to join me in honoring these outstanding servicemen.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE